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Re : SHCHERBYTSKY, ZAHREBELNY, and ISHCHUK

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1. R 1 was told by R 2 that SHCHERBYTSKY was opposed to the persecution of young Ukrainian intellectuals in 1965/1966, intervened on their behalf against it, and defended shestydesiatniki in general. Because of that he had some trouble, was suspended or even removed for a short time from his post, but then re-instated again. However, his position was still somewhat shaky and he might be in trouble again, any time. His intervention on behalf of the literati and the young in general, will certainly be not forgotten by those wielding now the real power.

SHCHERBYTSKY holds with ZAHREBELNY Pavlo, Ukrainian writer who all the time supported shestydesiatniki and intervened on their behalf. SHCHERBYTSKY and ZAHREBELNY are some far relatives but R2 did not know the exact grade of their relationship. They are also very good friends.

Also ISHCHUK Arsen, another Ukrainian writer, supported shestydesiatniki together with ANTONENKO-DAVYDOVYCH and his alike.

2. ZAHREBELNY Pavlo Arkhipovich was born on 25 Aug 1924 at Soleshyno, r-n Kobelaky, obl. Poltava, Ukr SSR. His parents were peasants. 1941 he graduated from desiatylitka and volunteered for the front. Took part in defence of Kiev, then was in a military school (voyenne uchilishche), sent to the front again, wounded and taken prisoner by Germans. After the liberation, in 1945 worked as member of Soviet Military Mission in West Germany.

1946 - 1951 he studied at the Faculty of Philology of Dnipropetrovsk University. Then was employed on editorial staff of Dnipropetrovsk oblast paper, and later on with Vitchyzna of Kiev.

1961- 1962 he was editor of Literaturna Ukraina.

Since 1965 he was secretary of the Board of the Union of Writers of Ukraine. At the present he is not listed on the editorial staff neither of Vitchyzna nor Dnipro. He is on the staff of Literaturna Ukraina whose editor is D. TSMOKALENKO.

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ZAHREBELNY is member of the CPSU.

His literary activity began in 1949 or rather in 1953 when he published his first book Kakhovski Opovidannia co-authored by Yu. PONO-MARENKO. His other novels: Stepovi Kvity - 1955, Uchytel - 1957, Novely Morskoho Uzbereshia - 1958, Marevo and Tam, de spivayut' zhaivoroni - 1956, Dolyna Dovhykh Sniv and Duma pro Nevmirushchoho - 1957, Evropa 45 - 1959, Speka - 1960, Evropa - Zakhid - 1961, Den' Dla Pryideshniho - 1964, Shepit - 1966.

Shepit is about a border-guards -hero by the name Shepit and his fight against Ukrainian nationalists and their emissaries sent from Germany. The story deals with the post-war period.

ZAHREBELNY wrote also scenario for "Rakety ne povynni zletity".

3. ISHCHUK Arsen Oleksiyovych was born ~~on~~ 22 Jun 1908 at Gorodok, Ruzhynsky r-n, obl. Zhytomir. Graduate of Pedagogical Technicum and Philological Faculty of Kiev University. Since 1937 Candidate of Philological Sciences and Professor. Since 1948 Chairman of the Department of History of Ukrainian Literature at Kiev University.

He began to write still as a student. His first novel appeared in 1930. Since 1940 writes mostly literary critiques and treatises. His more important works: Lesia Ukrainka (a monography) 1950, and Pavlo Tychyna - 1954; Vasyl Mynko, Sorek rokiv ukrainskoyi radianskoyi literatury - 1957, Statti - a collection of articles on Soviet Ukrainian writers - 1958. Co-author of "Materialy do vychennia istoriyi Ukrainskoyi literatury" (5 volumes).

In 1961 and 1964 published the first and second volume, respectively, of his first novel - chronics "Verbivchany".

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